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SUBJ: COMMENTS RHODESIAN DEVELOPMENTS BY ANC BISHOP
MUZOREWA'S BROTHER, REV FARAI DAVID MUZOREWA

SUMMARY: BROTHER OF ANC LEADER BISHOP MSZOREWA SAYS ANC TO MEET
JANUARY 12 TO AGREE ON POSITIONS IT WILL TAKE IN DISCUSSIONS
WITH SMITH. RE IMPORTANT QUESTION OF TIME FRAME HE THINKS AGREE-
MENT WILL BE REACHED ON 5 YEARS. LAND TENURE LAW CHANGES WILL BE
ANOTHER ESSENTIAL DEMAND. HE DOWNPLAYED IMPORTANCE BRITISH ROLE
IN CONSITUTIONAL CONFERENCE SAYING THEY HAVE NO LEVERAGE RE
SMITH AND SAYS BISHOP FEELS VORSTER IS THE KEY TO SUCCESSFUL
OUTCOME.

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1. REV MUZOREWA CALLED ON THE CONSUL TODAY TO GET A VISA IN

ORDER THAT HE MIGHT LEAVE THIS AFTERNOON FOR THE U.S. WHERE HE

WILL STUDY AT MORNINGSIDE COLLEGE IN IOWA. HE FOLLOWS IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF YOUNGER BROTHER WHO GRADUATED FROM MORNINGSIDE LAST YEAR AND IS NOW DOING GRADUATE WORK IN AGRICULTURE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.

2. FINDING HIM WILLINGLY DISPOSED WE USED THE OCCASION TO SEEK HIS VIEWS RE CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN RHODESIA. HE SAID THE ANC HAS SCHEDULED A MEETING OF THE PRINCIPALS FOR SUNDAY, JAN 12 AT WHICH THEY WILL SEEK TO DEFINE THE TERMS WHICH THEY WILL ASK FOR IN THEIR FORTHCOMING DISCUSSIONS WITH SMITH AND PARTICULARLY WILL TRY TO AGREE ON THE TIME FRAME GOVERNING BLACK PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT AND EVENTUAL MAJORITY RULE. HE IS OF THE OPINION THAT THE ANC WILL AGREE ON FIVE YEARS WITH THE BIGGEST OBSTACLE

BEING NOT ZANU BUT A GENERAL DISTRUST OF SMITH -- A FEAR THAT IF ANC AGREES TO FIVE YEARS HE WILL FIND SOME WAY ONCE AGAIN TO DENY THE BLACK MAJORITY. HE SAID ONLY HIS BROTHER THE BISHOP, WHO HAS WORKED MORE CLOSELY WITH SMITH THAN THE OTHERS, STILL HAS SOME CONFIDENCE IN HIM. AS EXAMPLE OF SMITH'S DEVIOUSNESS HE SAID ONLY ABOUT 30 DETAINEES HAVE BEEN RELEASED OUT OF SOME 250 HELD BUT ADDED VOLUNTARILY THAT MANY OF THE 250 WERE DETAINED FOR ACTS OF VIOLENCE SUCH AS ARSON AND PROPERTY DAMAGE DURING RIOTS. (HE ALSO SAID THAT HE KNOWS A SCHOOLTEACHER RECENTLY RELEASED AND IS STILL HOPEFUL SMITH WILL RELEASE MANY MORE.). OTHER EXAMPLES HE CITED ARE THE RHODESIAN MILITARY DEMANDS THAT GUERRILLAS SURRENDER THEIR ARMS OR WITHDRAW TO ZAMBIA OR MOZAMBIQUE WHEREAS THE AGREEMENT WITH SMITH WAS A CEASE FIRE WITH THE GUERRILLAS REMAINING IN THE AREAS OR POSITIONS WHICH THEY OCCUPIED AT THE TIME; AND THE CONTINUING ATTEMPT TO CREATE TROUBLE BETWEEN THE MATABELE AND THE SHONA BY SPREADING RUMORS THAT WITH BLACK MAJORITY RULE THE MATABELE WILL BE DRIVEN OUT AS THEY ARE NEWCOMERS TO RHODESIA AS ARE WHITES. HE SAYS ANOTHER EXTREMELY IMPORTANT MATTER WHICH MEETING WILL CONSIDER IS PRESENT LAND TENURE ACT WHICH ANC WILL INSIST MUST BE MODIFIED.

3. ASKED IF ZANU NOT LIKELY TO MAKE DIFFICULTIES RE FIVE-YEAR TIME SCHEDULE, HE SAID NEITHER ZANU NOR ZAPU NEARLY AS STRONG AMONG CONFIDENTIAL

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BLACKS LIVING IN RHODESIA AS IMPRESSION THEY TRY TO CREATE. BLACKS AT HOME ARE TIRED AND DISGUSTED WITH LIBERATION GROUP RIVALRIES AND LEADERS WHO DESIRE PRIMARILY PERSONAL POWER. HE SAID IT A FACT THAT FOR PAST YEAR OR MORE GUERRILLA RECRUITMENT EFFORTS WERE IN THE NAME OF MUBTANIDZWA (UNITED FRONT AND THAT HE KNEW PERSONALLY OF ONE GROUP UPON BEING TOLD AFTER RECRUITMENT IT WAS GOING TO A ZANU TRAINING CAMP REFUSED TO GO.

4. WITH REGARD TO POSSIBLE ROLE FOR PRESIDENT BANDA AND MALAWI HE SAID BISHOP MUZOREWA BEARS HIM NO ILL WILL FOR REFUSING PERMIT BISHOPS CONVENTION IN BLANTYRE A YEAR OR SO AGO CONSIDERING IT A BLESSING IN DISGUISE BECAUSE CONVENTION MOVED TO SALISBURY. TOLD OF RECENT REPORT BANDA IS INSTALLING INTERCOM AND OTHER EQUIPMENT IN HIS KASUNGU STATE LODGE AS IF READYING IT FOR A MEETING HE SAID DID NOT THINK ANC WOULD NECESSARILY REFUSE MALAWIAN OFFER TO HOST CONSUTUTIONAL CONFERENCE BUT SAID THERE ARE SOME DOUBTS RE BANDA BECAUSE OF FACT SMITH WENT TO HIM TO SEEK HIS AID IN GETTING DIALOG RENEWED WITH ANC. OBSERVED THAT CALLAGHAN VISIT NOT DEEMED ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT (AND THEREFORE ANC LEADERS NOT TOO BOTHERED ABOUT BEING UNABLE TALK WITH HIM) BECAUSE BRITISH HAVE NO LEVERAGE IN THIS SITUATION; THAT MAN WHO COUNTS IS VORSTER AND AS BISHOP TOLD HIM, "IF RHODESIAN PROBLEM SOLVED WE WILL OWE MORE TO VORSTER THAN TO ANYONE ELSE."

5. COMMENT: REV MUZOREWA STRUCK US AS SOBER, INTELLIGENT, REALISTIC, RATHER UNEMOTIONAL MAN WHO IN NO WAY TRIED TO SUGGEST HE HAD PLAYED ANY IMPORTANT ROLE IN ANC AND READILY ADMITTED THAT MOST OF HIS INFORMATION CAME FROM TALKS WITH HIS BROTHER. STEVENSON

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